

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Claims 1-3, 5-7, and 12 have been amended.

Claims 13 and 14 have been added.

The amendment to Claims 1-3, 5-7, and 12 and the addition of new Claims 13 and 14 are supported by the specification at pages 2-35, see for example page 6, line 16 to page 19, line 1, and the Examples.

No new matter is believed to have been entered by the present amendments.

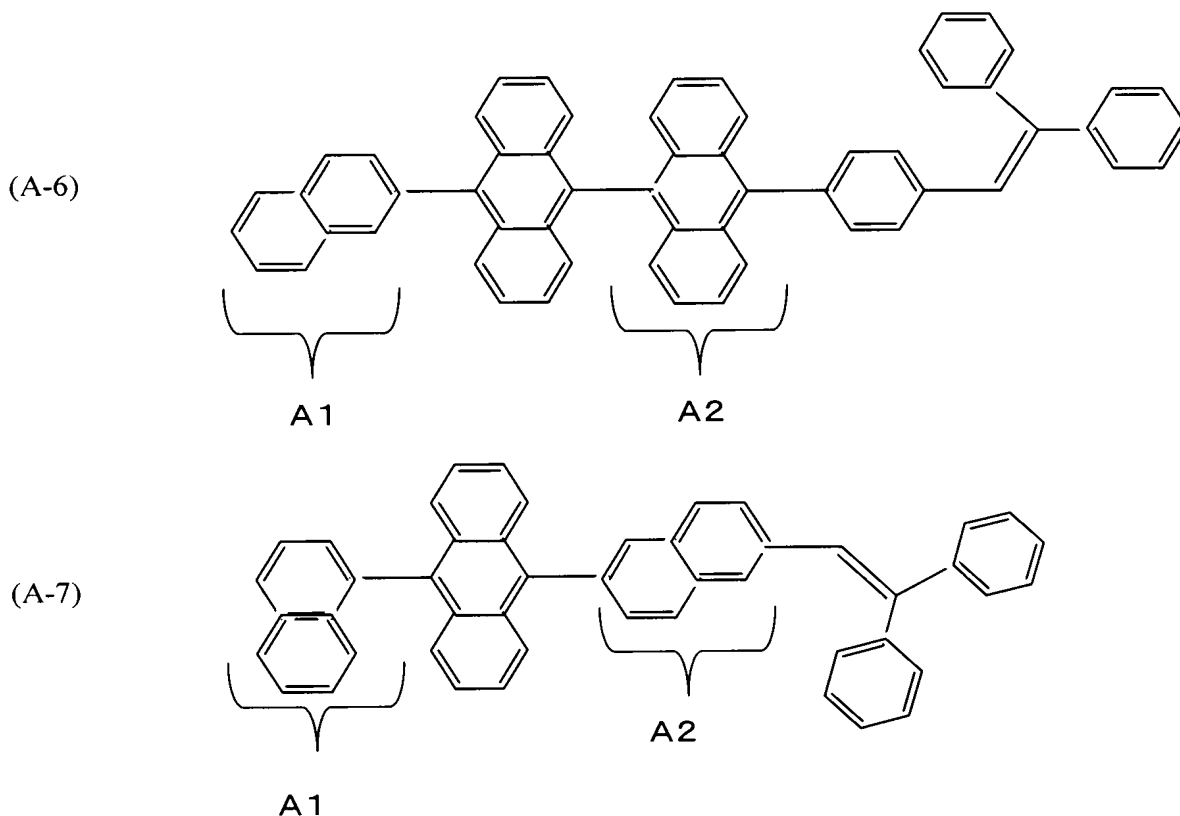
REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in the present application.

The objection to Claim 1 is believed to be obviated by amendment. Applicants submit that the amendments herein clarify the scope and meaning of the claims and, thus, this ground of objection is believed to be moot. Withdrawal of this ground of objection is requested.

The rejection of Claims 1-6 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over JP 2001-097897 is obviated by amendment.

The Examiner specifically points the compounds (A-6) and (A-7) of JP 2001-097897, which are shown below.



In Claims 1-13 of the present application, A1, A2, A1' and A2' do not include anthryl groups. In the compound (A-6), the group A2 is an anthryl group. Accordingly, these claims do not encompass the compound (A-6). Also, the compounds AN6, AN9-16, AN23-24, AN28-29, AN31, AN38, AN40-42 and AN46 appearing in new Claim 14 do not include anthryl groups except the main anthracenylene structure.

In the compound (A-7), the group A1 is a 1-naphthyl group which is not included in the definition for A1 and A2 or A1' and A2.' Accordingly, Claims 1-13 do not encompass the compound (A-7). Also, the compounds AN6, AN9-16, AN23-24, AN28-29, AN31, AN38, AN40-42 and AN46 appearing in new Claim 14 do not encompass the compound (A-7).

"A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). In view of the fact that JP 2001-097897 does not disclose a compound within the scope of the claimed invention, Applicants submit that the presently claimed invention is not anticipated by JP 2001-097897.

Withdrawal of this ground of rejection is requested.

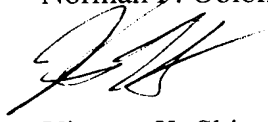
Finally, since the scope of the claims of the present application and/or the claims of co-pending application No. 10/519,934 may change thus rendering this *provisional* rejection moot, Applicants respectfully request that the provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection of Claim 1 over Claims 1 and 2 of co-pending application No. 10/519,934 be held in abeyance until an indication of allowable subject matter in the present application. If necessary, a terminal disclaimer will be filed at that time. Until such a time, Applicants make no statement with respect to the propriety of this ground of rejection.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

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